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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of December 28, 2005, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on March 28, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this Response.

An **Attachment** containing an English language abstract of Japanese Patent Publication No. 58-175630 is attached following page 15 of this paper.